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SUBJECT: BRITISH EMBASSY ATHENS: DAMAGED BY "ENOSIS/
DEMONSTRATORS

1. DEMONSTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY 300 YOUTHS, STUDENTS AND WORKERS, SHOUTED ENOSIS SLOGANS, SANG EOKA ANTHEM, AND HURLED ROCKS AT BRITISH EMBASSY MONDAY, JULY 22 IN LATE AFTERNOON. DEMONSTRATORS WHO INCLUDED GREEK CYPRIOT STUDENTS ENTERED BRITISH EMBASSY COMPOUND, INFLICTED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE ON SIX OR MORE AUTOMOBILES AND CHANTED THEMES OF "ENOSIS" "GRIVAS" AND "CYPRUS-GREECE, ENOSIS." WALLS OF EMBASSY COMPOUND WERE PAINTED WITH SLOGANS --"ENGLISH TRAITORS", "OUT ENGLISH WHORE" AND "LONG LIVE ENOSIS" AND RED PAINT AND POTTERY HURLED AT BUILDING ALONG WITH HEAVY ROCK BARRAGE WHICH SMASHED WINDOWS ON SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS. BRITISH GSO ESTIMATES THIRTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING DAMAGE. NO PERSONNEL INJURIES REPORTED.

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2. POLICE PROTECTION ACCORDING TO BRITISH EMBASSY STAFF AND

OTHER OBSERVERS WAS LAX. WHILE POLICE NUMBERED AT LEAST 50
THEY INITIALLY APPEARED INDIFFERENT TO DEMONSTRATORS AND WHEN
EMBASSY REQUESTED REINFORCEMENTS RESPONSE CAME AFTER DEMONSTRATORS
HAD DONE DAMAGE TO BUILDING AND CARS. ONE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT
SAW POLICEMEN HELPING STUDENTS OVER EMBASSY COMPOUND WALL.
ANOTHER OBSERVER REPORTED SEEING THREE YOUTHS FROM RIGHTIST
PRO-REGIME 4TH OF AUGUST YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

3. DEMONSTRATION INCREASED IN SIZE AFTER LEAVING EMBASSY AS IT
PROCEEDED TO PARLIAMENT BUILDING AND THEN TO OMONIA SQUARE
WHERE IT DISBANDED.

4. COMMENT: REPORTED INDIFFERENCE OF POLICE AND THEIR SEEMING
SLOWNESS TO RESPOND TO CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS PLUS PRESENCE
OF RIGHTIST YOUTH SUGGESTS GOG MAY HAVE TURNED BLIND EYE ON
DEMONSTRATION IN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT TO BRITISH PUBLIC FRUSTRATION
AT GOG'S ACCEPTING CEASEFIRE. EYE-WITNESS OBSERVATION PASSED TO
EMBOFF BY FRG COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CORROBORATES POLICE
INDIFFERENCE - LOCAL LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT LABELED
DEMONSTRATORS AS "HIRED THUGS."
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